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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (currently amended) An ostomy bag comprising: (a) a main chamber with an upper extremity having at least one upper extremity seal; [::] and (b) at least one multiple-use latent tube co-formed with said main chamber, said multiple-use latent tube having a proximal end firmly attached to, opening to and capable of fluid communication with said main chamber upper extremity, said latent tube further: (b1) having a defined length to a distal end capable of providing axial gas flow out of said tube; and (b2) as co-formed with said main chamber, having two seals which, except for said attachment, are separated from said upper extremity seal, one latent tube seal proximate to said upper extremity seal of said main chamber and one latent tube seal distal to said main chamber upper extremity seal.

Claim 2. (currently amended) An ostomy bag in accordance with claim 1, wherein said main chamber and said latent tube have front-side and body-side walls, and the front-side wall of said main chamber is made of the same kind of material as the front-side wall of said latent tube, and the body-side wall of said main chamber is made of the same kind of material as the body side-wall of said latent tube, and wherein, said proximate latent tube seal as formed is generally equidistant from said upper extremity seal along a substantial part of said length of said proximate latent tube seal.

Claim 3. (original) An ostomy bag in accordance with claim 1, in combination with at least one filter in fluid connection with said distal end of said tube, for filtering the gaseous outflow from said ostomy bag.

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Claim 4. (original) An ostomy bag in accordance with claim 3, wherein a connector is attached in fluid connection by axial insertion into said tube distal end and said filter is connected to said connector.

Claim 5. (original) A combination in accordance with claim 3, wherein said filter is also a connector.

Claim 6. (original) An ostomy bag in accordance with claim 1, wherein said bag includes a plurality of multiple use latent tubes co-formed with said main chamber, at least two said multiple-use tubes each having a proximal end opening to and capable of fluid communication with said upper main chamber extremity, at least one of said tubes having a distal end capable of providing axial fluid flow out of said tube.

Claim 7. (original) An ostomy bag in accordance with claim 6, wherein said bag includes two multiple use tubes co-formed with said main chamber, each of said two tubes having a distal end capable of providing axial fluid flow out of it.

Claim 8. (currently amended) An ostomy bag in accordance with claim 6, wherein each of said multiple use tubes ~~are~~ is separately closeable near its respective proximal end.

Claim 9. (currently amended) An ostomy bag in accordance with claim 1, wherein said main chamber upper extremity has a perimeter edge, and at least said distal end of said latent tube has a perimeter edge that is proximate to and in less than firm separable connection with a portion of said main chamber upper extremity edge.

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Claim 10. (Currently amended) An ostomy bag comprising: (A) a main bag chamber having an upper extremity; (B) a multipurpose latent tube co-formed with said main bag chamber, said latent tube having a proximal end attached to and opening to said main bag chamber upper extremity and providing the capability for fluid communication with [[it]] said upper extremity, said tube also having: (1) a distal end; and (2) significant latent tube length between said proximal end and said distal end, at least a substantial part of said length as co-formed being parallel to and separably less than firmly attached to said main bag chamber.

Claim 11. (Original) An ostomy bag in accordance with claim 10, wherein said distal end and said significant latent tube length between said proximal end and said distal end are unattached to said main bag chamber.

Claim 12. (Original) An ostomy bag in accordance with claim 10, wherein said distal end is capable of providing axial gas flow out of said tube.

Claim 13. (Original) An ostomy bag in accordance with claim 11, wherein said distal end is capable of providing axial gas flow out of said tube.

Claim 14. (Currently amended) An ostomy bag in accordance with claim 10, further including an integral closure means for closing said tube said closure means coformed with said bag.

Claim 15. (Currently amended) An ostomy bag ~~in accordance with claim 14~~ comprising: (A) a main bag chamber having an upper extremity; (B) a multipurpose latent tube co-formed with said main bag chamber, said latent tube

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having a proximal end attached to and opening to said main bag chamber upper extremity and providing the capability for fluid communication with said upper extremity, said tube also having: (1) a distal end; and (2) significant latent tube length between said proximal end and said distal end, at least a substantial part of said length as co-formed being parallel to and less than firmly attached to said main bag chamber, wherein said closure means comprises a blank area firmly attached to said main bag chamber proximate said tube proximal end, said blank area having at least one slit therein through which said latent tube can be inserted, wherein said slit is in fluid communication with neither said main bag chamber nor said tube.

Claim16. (canceled)

Claim 17. (Currently amended) A stomal waste management system in accordance with claim 16 comprising multiple use latent tubing having : (a) front and back walls comprising thin, flexible, water impermeable plastic, said latent tubing further having at least one channel having a flat width dimension no greater than one inch and at least two end openings, at least one of said openings being a proximal end through which gas can enter said tube, which latent tubing takes tubular form as necessary for gas flow therethrough, and wherein said latent tubing has at least one pair of spaced apertures in one of its walls to accommodate attachment of a filter with appropriately mating apertures, said latent tubing further having at least one interval seal to route gas into said filter.

Claim 18. (original) A stomal waste management system in accordance with claim 17 wherein said latent tubing has a plurality of: (a) pairs of apertures, and (b) interval seals, to accommodate a plurality of filters.

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Claims 19-23 (canceled)